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IN THE WAKE OF THE AVENGERS DISASSEMBLING, THE TIME TRAVELING TEENAGER WHO WOULD BECOME KANG THE CONQUEROR FOUND A FAILSAFE PROGRAM LEFT BEHIND BY THE DECEASED VISION DETAILING HOW TO FIND THE NEXT WAVE OF AVENGERS.

USING THIS PROGRAM, THE YOUNG KANG ADOPTED THE PERSONA OF IRON LAD, INITIALLY TEAMING WITH PATRIOT, ASGARDIAN AND HULKLING. AS TIME WENT ON, THE ROSTER GREW AND CHANGED WITH NEW MEMBERS, NEW IDENTITIES AND NEW RELATIONSHIPS.

NOW THE TEAM CONSISTS OF PATRIOT, HAWKEYE, WICCAN, HULKLING, SPEED, STATURE AND VISION. TO ONE ANOTHER, THEY ARE PARTNERS. SIBLINGS. FRIENDS. BUT TO THE WORLD AT LARGE, THEY ARE KNOWN AS THE YOUNG AVENGERS!

MEANWHILE, NORMAN OSBORN, FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE GREEN GOBLIN, HAS BECOME THE COMMANDER OF H.A.M.M.E.R. WITH THE NEW ALIAS IRON PATRIOT. HAVING FABRICATED AN EVENT REMINISCENT OF THE STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT TRAGEDY, OSBORN BEGAN HIS MAD SIEGE OF ASGARD. NOW THE YOUNG AVENGERS FIGHT ALONGSIDE CAPTAIN AMERICA AND THE ASGARDIAN GODS AGAINST OSBORN AND HIS INSANE ALLIES.

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I NEVER TOLD YOU THIS BEFORE.
WHEN I CHOSE MY FIRST CODE NAME--ASGARDIAN--IT WASN'T JUST 'CAUSE I COULD IMITATE THOR'S POWERS AND DRESSED LIKE HIM.
NORSE MYTHOLOGY'S BEEN A SPECIAL PART OF MY LIFE EVER SINCE I WAS LITTLE. I GEEK OUT ON IT LIKE YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE.
YOU'RE SAYING MY BOYFRIEND'S A CLOSETED NORSE NERD?
WHAT, WERE YOU AFRAID I'D PEE MYSELF LAUGHING?
WICCAN
HULKLING
I MEAN, YEAH, MAYBE ANY OTHER TIME I WOULD'VE POOLED A PUDDLE IN MY PANTS. BUT NOW...

LIKE I SAID... ANY OTHER TIME.
BROXTAN, OKLAHOMA. THE FALL OF ASGARD.
UNDERNEATH IT ALL
FEATURING: THE YOUNG AVENGERS
A TALE OF THE SIEGE

THIS SHOULD NEVER HAVE HAPPENED. ANY OF--
RRMMMBBLL
WICCAN! HULKLING! GUYS!
CAREFUL! THE--
IKNOW! I'MSORRY!
SPEED
WANTED YOUTOKNOWSTATURE ANDVISIONARECOKAYBUT ILOOKEDEVERYWHERE ANDICAN'TFINDPATRIOT ORHAWKEYE.
TOMMY, YOU'RE TA--
TALKINGTOO FASTFORYOUI KNOW.THERE'S NOTIME.
TOOMANY NEEDHELP!
KATE AND ELI--YOU DON'T THINK THEY'RE--?
NO. I DON'T, TEDDY.
IN FACT, I CAN'T.

MNN..., ELI...?
YOU GOT KNOCKED IN THE HEAD, KATE. MIGHT BE A CONCUSSION, SO TAKE IT EASY.
PATRIOT
HAWKEYE
WE'RE UNDER ASGARD. A LOT OF IT.
GOT A RUBBLE POCKET HERE. ABOUT TWELVE FEET CUBED.
OKAY...
HOW DO WE GET OUT?
KATE, WHAT'S UP ABOVE US IS SERIOUSLY UNSTABLE. KEEPS SHIFTING.
AND EVERY TIME I TRY TO PUSH...? IT PUSHES BACK.
BASICALLY, IT'S ON ITS WAY TO BECOMING A TOMB.

THIS IS ANGANTYR THE BERSERKER.
HE WAS ONE OF TWELVE BROTHERS. HIS SWORD, TYRFING, CURSED HIS FAMILY FOR GENERATIONS.
COME ON, BILLY. LET'S KEEP LOOKING FOR SURVIVORS, OKAY?
WE'VE BEEN THROUGH A LOT AS A TEAM, TEDDY, BUT THIS...
THIS IS WHAT THEY TALK ABOUT, ISN'T IT? IN DISASTERS LIKE THIS, YOU FIND OUT WHAT FOLKS ARE REALLY MADE OF. IF THEY HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO, Y'KNOW...
YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES. YOU DO.
WHY HERE, TEDDY? WHY DID THIS HAVE TO HAPPEN HERE?
HEY, I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHY THIS HAD TO HAPPEN AT ALL! THE PIECES WERE ALL SITTING THERE FOR THE HERO COMMUNITY TO PUT TOGETHER BUT NONE OF US DID.
WE COULD'VE STOPPED OSBORN'S WHOLE GAME SO IT NEVER PLAYED OUT THIS LONG... COULD'VE PULLED THE SENTRY FROM OSBORN'S INFLUENCE BEFORE HE PUMMELED ASGARD...
WE DROPPED THE BALL, BILLY. WE DROPPED IT AND WE JUST WATCHED IT FALL.
WE DIDN'T ACT QUICKLY ENOUGH.

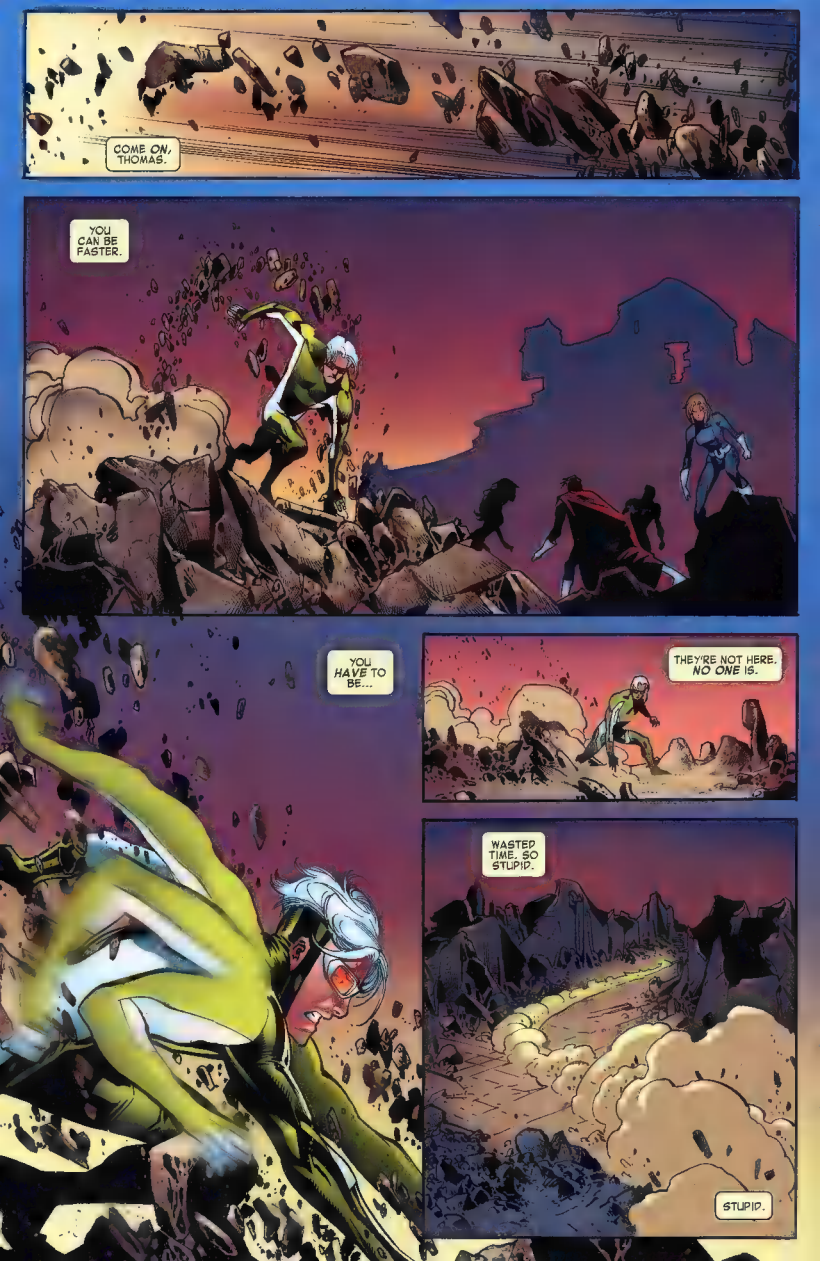
FASTER, DAMMIT.
--GET HERE?
WHAT JUST--?
HOW--?
--HAPPENED?
--DID I--?
FASTER!

PUSH.
I AM PUSHING.
WELL PUSH HARDER!
HEY, TELL YOU WHAT--WHY DON'T I CHECK MY POUCHES FOR SOME SPARE SUPER-SOLDIER SERUM SO YOU CAN PUSH!
I WOULDN'T NEED IT IF YOU WEREN'T BEING SO TENTATIVE.
TENTATIVE? KATE, ONE WRONG MOVE AND ALL THIS COLLAPSES!
IF WE DO NOTHING AT ALL IT STILL COLLAPSES--ON US, I MIGHT ADD.
I HATE TO SAY IT, ELI, BUT YOU'RE USUALLY WAY MORE RELIABLE IN A TOUGH SITUATION. I MEAN, I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOUR DEAL IS...
...BUT I SURE HOPE IT PASSES. LIKE, IMMEDIATELY.

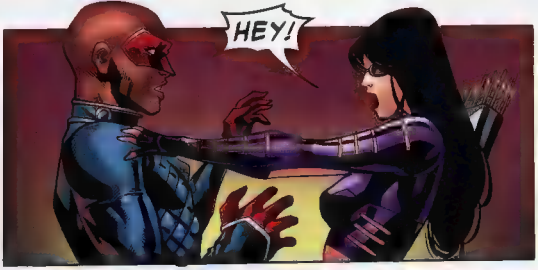
HEY... BILLY...
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOUR WHOLE NORSE THING IS ABOUT--NOT TO BE PASSIVE-AGGRESSIVE BUT, Y'KNOW, 'CAUSE YOU NEVER TOLD ME--BUT THE BEST THING FOR YOU AND FOR ASGARD RIGHT NOW IS TO HELP EACH OTHER.
I KNOW. I KNOW IT. AND I SWEAR I'LL TELL YOU EVERYTHING WHEN--
WHOOM
WHOOM
IS THAT YOUR BROTHER AGAIN?
DIDN'T SOUND LIKE SPEED. THAT WAS MORE LIKE A--
--POUNDING.
IS NOTHING SACRED TO YOU, WRECKER?
ABSOLUTELY, PARTNER--EVERY NIGHT I PRAY TO THE ALMIGHTY AMERICAN BUCK.
NOW--
THWAMM
KRAK
UNNGH!
--LET THAT CONSCIENCE A' YOURS TAKE A LITTLE NAP, WOULDJA?

THE WRECKING CREW? WHAT'RE THOSE BOZOS DOING?
THAT'S GOTTA BE THE THRONE ROOM, TEDDY, AND THEY'RE--
THEY'RE LOOTING IT.
WELL, OKAY... THAT'S SUCKY, BUT THEY'RE NO PUSHOVERS AND THERE'S STILL THE INJURED OUT THERE IN NEED OF HELP, SO I'M THINKING WE--
BILLY?
AH, CRAP.
IF IT LOOKS LIKE IT COULD BE EXPENSIVE, DON'T BREAK IT OR YOU'LL BE LYIN' NEXT TO THUNDERBALL THERE.
SAY THERE, WRECKER--YOU PLAN ON KEEPIN' YOUR PANTIES ALL IN A TWIST OR CAN WE ALL JUST TAKE A BREATH AN'--
WHAT THE HELL?
SOME KINDA ASGARD SECURITY SYSTEM--
NO...

NOT EXACTLY.
BILLY, WHAT'RE YOU--?
THERE ARE I-DON'T-KNOW HOW MANY OUT THERE *SUFFERING* RIGHT NOW, AND *THIS* IS WHAT YOU--?
THIS IS A *GOOD* PLACE. IT *MEANS* SOMETHING. MEANS SOMETHING GREATER THAN *ANY* OF US AND YOU *KNOW* IT BUT STILL YOU TREAT IT LIKE--LIKE-- LIKE--
"LIKE-- LIKE-- LIKE--"
HAW!
YOU'RE THEM WHAT? *LITTLE AVENGERS*, RIGHT?
LEMME TELL YA SOMETHIN', LITTLE AVENGER-- YOU SOUND *JUST* LIKE THUNDERBALL THERE. ONLY DIFFERENCE?
YOU'RE AN EVEN *BIGGER* SISSY.
BRAKOOOOM


COME ON, THOMAS.
YOU CAN BE FASTER.
YOU HAVE TO BE...
THEY'RE NOT HERE. NO ONE IS.
WASTED TIME. SO STUPID.
STUPID.

IT'S A STUPID IDEA.
OH, I DON'T KNOW--BECAUSE IT'S INSANELY DANGEROUS?
WHY?
LISTEN TO YOURSELF, ELI. WHAT'S MORE DANGEROUS THAN DOING NOTHING RIGHT NOW? IF YOU HAVEN'T NOTICED, THE WORLD'S KINDA CLOSING IN ON US!
LOOK, YOU DON'T LIKE MY IDEAS BUT IT'S NOT LIKE YOU HAVE ANY OF YOUR OWN, SO SHIELD UP 'CAUSE EXPLOSIVE ARROWS IT IS--
ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND?!
LET GO OF ME! WE NEED TO TRY SOMETHING! ANYTHING! OR WE'LL DIE!
I KNOW THAT! YOU THINK I DON'T KNOW THAT??
THEN WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM? WHAT'S SO DAMN DIFFERENT ABOUT THIS CRISIS THAT YOU CAN'T SEEM TO OPERATE?


HEY!

SORRY, KATE, I--
IS IT THE LACK OF OXYGEN DOWN HERE OR WHAT?
SORRY, I KNOW I'M BEING--
BUT I JUST--

RRUMMMMKK

HEY. YOU SEE THAT? THERE.

IT JUST OPENED UP. SOME KIND OF CREVICE. THINK YOU CAN KEEP IT PROPPED OPEN FOR A BIT?
YEAH. MAYBE. I--

GREAT! DO THAT.

THIS IS JUST INSANE! I THOUGHT YOU GOT YOUR POWERS FROM ASGARD!
SO?
SO WHY PILLAGE AND DESTROY? WHY NOT HELP US HELP ASGARD?
YEAH, RIGHT!
YA KNOW, I WAS AN IDEALIST ONCE. THINK I WAS THREE OR FOUR.
THEN I GREW UP.
YOU'RE RIGHT--I OWE WHAT I GOT TO THIS NORN QUEEN BROAD LIVES HERE. BUT YOU KNOW WHAT, KID?
ME AN' BULLDOZER AN' PILEDRIVER, WE'RE THE KINDA GUYS, WE SEE AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A LITTLE FUN, MAYBE MAKE SOME GOOD DOUGH?
WELL, THAT'S SURE GOOD ENOUGH FOR US.
MAN, I GOTTA THANK YOU KIDS FOR SHOWIN' UP. IT'S REALLY BEEN SWELL.
WHAT'D BE A BETTER APPETIZER FOR TAKIN' ASGARD APART BRICK BY BRICK THAN OFFIN' A COUPLE JUNIOR AVENGERS?
HAW!

WHOA!
H-HEY, THAT TICKLES!
OH, YEAH?
THEN THIS SHOULD REALLY WORK YOUR FUNNY BONE.
AH, GUYS...
BILLY...?
KRAKKADOOM

THAT'S IT.
I DON'T HAVE IT. DON'T HAVE WHAT IT TAKES. I *FAILED*. I'M A FAILURE...
HEY. YOU OKAY? ARE YOU *HURT?*
RONIN.
NO. I'M. UH--I JUST--
I-I WISH I COULD DO MORE BUT I *CAN'T*. I CAN'T GO ANY *FASTER*...
YOU'RE GIVING IT YOUR ALL?
YEAH. BUT IT'S NOT--
GOOD ENOUGH? TRUST ME. SPEED...
...YOU'RE DOING ALL ANYONE COULD EVER ASK AND *THEN SOME*. YOU'RE DOING JUST FINE.

UH... DID YOU JUST...?
THEY'LL BE OKAY.
ARE YOU OKAY?
NO NO NO. IT'S NOT YOU WHO GETS TO WORRY ABOUT ME RIGHT NOW.
WHEN I WAS LITTLE, BEFORE BED, MY DAD WOULD ALWAYS TELL ME ALL THESE NORSE FABLES. LOVED THOSE STORIES. LOVED THEM.
ONE NIGHT I GOT MAD OVER WHO-CAN-REMEMBER-WHAT AND I TOLD HIM I HATED HIS STUPID STORIES. YOU KNOW HOW YOU DO AS A KID, ALL SELF-CENTERED AND SPITEFUL.
EVEN IF THE THOUGHT OCCURRED TO YOU THEN, YOU NEVER THOUGHT YOU'D ACTUALLY BE ABLE TO DO HARM TO YOUR PARENTS.
HE NEVER TOLD ME THOSE STORIES AGAIN AFTER THAT, AND NOW THAT I'M OLDER ALL I CAN THINK IS HOW I HURT HIM AND I WISH IT NEVER--
HEY. DON'T DO THAT. WHAT'S PASSED IS PAST.
YEAH, WE MAKE MISTAKES, BUT IF WE DON'T GET THE CHANCE TO CORRECT THEM WE CAN STILL LEARN FROM THEM, RIGHT?
COME ON, SOFTIE. PORT THESE BOZOS TO SAFETY SO WE CAN GO FIND OUR FRIENDS.

ARE YOU... ALMOST DONE... IN THERE?
JUST ABOUT!
MAYBE I'M IMAGINING THINGS, ELI, BUT I SWEAR I FEEL AIR. MEANS WE CAN'T BE TOO FAR FROM THE SURFACE...
THAT'S... GREAT! WOULD YOU PLEASE... GET THE HELL OUT NOW...?
WHAT?!
OKAY, HERE I AM. DON'T LET GO YET, THOUGH!
WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THE ARROWHEADS DETONATE.
WHEN I SAY TO, LET GO. THAT SHOULD SHIELD US FROM THE BLAST, OKAY?
OKAY?
DO IT, ALREADY!
OKAY, HERE I GO...

PABOOOOOM
I SURE HOPE THIS ISN'T MORE EVIL BUTTHEADS BEING BUTTHEADY.
AND EVIL.
WOW. WHAT DO YOU THINK DID THAT?
GAS MAIN?
ON ASGARD. SURE.
THINK THERE'S SOMEONE DOWN THERE?
I HOPE NOT, FOR WHOEVER'S SAKE...

KRRUMMKT
SO THAT'S WHERE YOU'VE BEEN HIDING...
AHH, YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW HAPPY THIS MAKES ME.
YOU? WHAT ABOUT US?
YOU GUYS OKAY?
CUTS AND BRUISES, MOSTLY. WE'LL LIVE, RIGHT?
I GUESS SO.
IS EVERYONE ACCOUNTED FOR?
WE JUST SAW VIZH AND CASS FIGHTING ALONGSIDE CAPTAIN AMERICA'S CREW. AND TOMMY--
TOMMY TOOK OFF IN A MAD RUSH AND WE HAVEN'T SEEN HIM SI--
SINCE NOW?

I SWEAR, I LOOKED EVERYWHERE FOR YOU TWO.
WELL, WHERE WE WERE... YOU COULDN'T LOOK IF YOU TRIED.

SUPER HAPPY ABOUT THE REUNION BUT WE GOTTA MOVE. THIS FIGHT'S LIGHT YEARS FROM OVER.
RIGHT BEHIND YOU, SPEED!
SORTA.

SO ALL THIS TIME I'VE KNOWN YOU...
DON'T...
NORSE NERD.

REMEMBER THAT LIGHTNING? MORE WHERE THAT CAME FROM, TEDDY. THAT'S ALL I'M SAYING.
YOU READY FOR THE NEXT ROUND?

SHOULD I OR SHOULD I NOT BE ASKING YOU THAT?
NO NEED. I'M CORRECT.

GOOD. THEN LET'S DO THIS.
ALSO, ELI...?

HELL OF A KISS.

HEY! GERIATRICS!
LET'S GET A MOVE ON.
THE AVENGERS NEED US!
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